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SUBJ:TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: LUNCHEON CONVERSATION APR 7

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 240

1. AMBASSADOR HOSTED LUNCHEON DELEGATIONS SPASO HOUSE APR 7.
REPORTS ON CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW.

2. MOROKHOV AGAIN STRESSED THAT SOVIET SIDE SOUGHT COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS TO REMAINING ISSUES. LANGUAGE KEEPING DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS OVER 150 KILOTONS NEED NOT MENTION THAT FIGURE SPECIFICALLY; SOVIET OBJECTIVE IS TO NOT TOTALLY PRECLUDE PNE YIELD LIMIT DIFFERENT FROM WEAPON TEST LIMIT, WHATEVER LATTER LIMIT MAY BE. HE SAID IF TREATY ARTICLE III NOT COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR SUCH LANGUAGE, IT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITION TO TREATY ARTICLE V.

3. CONCERNING BASIS FOR OBSERVER PRESENCE 100-150 KILOTONS, MOROKHOV EMPHASIZED PROBLEM OF EXPLAINING TO HIS AUTHORITIES WHY OBSERVERS SHOULD HAVE DISCRETIONARY RIGHT TO BE PRESENT IN PNE CASE WHEREAS SUCH RIGHT IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN TTBT. HE REPEATED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE, E.G., BY PROVIDING FOR PRESENCE ON BASIS OF AGREEMENT, SO LONG AS THERE IS PRESERVATION OF PRINCIPLE THAT OBSERVERS DO NOT HAVE AUTOMATIC RIGHT OF PRESENCE IN THIS YIELD

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4. MOROKHOV SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS (ACCORDING TO TIMERBAEV TWO WEEKS) FOR SOVIET SYSTEM TO CLEAR TEXT TO BE READY FOR INITIALING. HE SAID IT VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE CLEARAND AND INITIALING BEFORE END OF APRIL.

5. MOROKHOV SAID HE WILL BE SOVIET JCC COMMISSIONER. HE AGREED THAT JOINT EFFORT TO DEVELOP JCC CHARTER CAN AWAIT RATIFICATION OF PNE TREATY.

6. AGREED WORKING GROUP I TO MEET 10:00 AM APRIL 8 FOR ONE MORE "MAKE SURE" COMPARISON OF TEXTS.

7. AGREED RESTRICTED MEETING 10:30 AM TO DISCUSS ANY FURTHER VIEWS OF EITHER SIDE ON REMAINING TWO ISSUES.

8. FAREWELL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SOVIETS NOON APRIL 8.

9. MOROKHOV SAID THERE MAY BE A SOVIET INVITATION VERY SOON TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO BE PRESENT AT PNE, PERHAPS AS LOW IN YIELD AS 30 KILOTONS, AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL. WHEN ASKED IF "VERY SOON" COULD BE AS EARLY AS MAY, HE SAID "MAYBE", DEPENDING ON STATE OF SOVIET-US RELATIONS.

10. DURING LUNCHEON MYASNIKOV COMPLAINED REPEATEDLY ABOUT ROWAN REPORT ON PNE ECONOMICS DONE FOR IAEA, SAYING THAT IT CONTAINED TECHNICAL ERRORS IN REPRESENTATION F SOVIET PROGRAM AND DEVOTED AN INORDINATE PORTION TO DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES WHICH WERE ANOTHER SUBJECT ALTOGETHER. MYASNIKOV COMMENTED ON DIFFICULTY OF EXTENDING ECONOMIC DATA FROM ONE ECONOMY TO ANOTHER, BUT WAS ADVISED THAT PUBLICATION OF MORE TECHNICAL RESULTS COULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR BETTER ECONOMIC ANALYSES BY OTHER COUNTRIES. STOESSEL

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